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April 29, 2021

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Re: *United States v. Willie Tremaine Johnson*
Case No. 20-cr-134-jdp

Dear Attorney Otis:

This is the proposed plea agreement between the defendant and the United States in this case.

1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 2 of the indictment in this case. This count charges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i), which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, and maximum penalties of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a three-year period of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment and the entry of an appropriate restitution order. In addition to these maximum penalties, any violation of a supervised release term could lead to an additional term of imprisonment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583. The defendant agrees to pay the special assessment at or before sentencing. The defendant understands that the Court will enter an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 requiring the immediate payment of the special assessment. In an appropriate case, the defendant could be held in contempt of court and receive an additional sentence for failing to pay the special assessment as ordered by the Court.

2. The defendant acknowledges, by pleading guilty, that he is giving up the following rights: (a) to plead not guilty and to persist in that plea; (b) to a jury trial; (c) to be represented by counsel--and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel--at trial and at every other stage of the trial proceedings; (d) to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses; (e) to be protected from compelled self-incrimination; (f) to testify and present evidence; and (g) to compel the attendance of witnesses.

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3. The defendant understands that upon conviction, if he is not a U.S. citizen, he may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied future admission to the United States. The defendant nevertheless affirms that he wants to plead guilty regardless of any removal and immigration consequences that his plea may entail, even if the consequence is automatic removal from the United States.

4. The defendant has moved to dismiss the indictment on the grounds that the charged statute, 18 U.S.C. § 844(i), is unconstitutional (docket numbers 66 and 67). As of the date of this letter, that motion is pending a final decision by the Court. Pursuant to Rule 11(a)(2), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, with the consent of the Court, the United States consents to the defendant entering a conditional plea of guilty, reserving his right to have an appellate court review an adverse determination on his motion to dismiss. If the defendant prevails at the district court or on appeal, he may then withdraw his guilty plea.

5. The United States agrees to recommend that the Court, in computing the advisory Sentencing Guideline range, and in sentencing the defendant, give the defendant the maximum available reduction for acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is based upon facts currently known to the United States and is contingent upon the defendant accepting responsibility according to the factors set forth in USSG § 3E1.1. Further, the United States' agreement to recommend a reduction for acceptance of responsibility is also based on the defendant providing a full and truthful accounting in the required financial statement, and the defendant's efforts to make the agreed-upon immediate restitution payments. The United States is free to withdraw this recommendation if the defendant has previously engaged in any conduct which is unknown to the United States and is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility, or if he engages in any conduct between the date of this plea agreement and the sentencing hearing which is inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility. This recommendation is contingent on the defendant signing this plea letter on or before May 7, 2020. *NTO, WJ*

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6. The United States agrees that this guilty plea will completely resolve all possible federal criminal violations that have occurred in the Western District of Wisconsin provided that both of the following conditions are met: (a) the criminal conduct relates to the conduct described in the indictment; and (b) the criminal conduct was known to the United States as of the date of this plea agreement. This agreement not to prosecute is limited to those types of cases for which the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin has exclusive decision-making authority. The defendant also understands that the United States will make its full discovery file available to the Probation Office for its use in preparing the presentence report. The United States also agrees to move to dismiss the remaining count of the indictment at the time of sentencing.

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7. The defendant agrees to pay restitution for all losses relating to the offense of conviction and all losses covered by the same course of conduct or common scheme or plan as the offense of conviction. The exact restitution figure will be agreed upon by the parties prior to sentencing or, if the parties are unable to agree upon a specific figure, restitution will be determined by the Court at sentencing. The defendant further agrees that the full amount of restitution is due and payable immediately. Defendant acknowledges that immediate payment means payment in good faith from the liquidation of all non-exempt assets beginning immediately.

8. The defendant agrees to complete the enclosed financial statement and return it to this office within one week of the guilty plea hearing. The defendant agrees that this financial statement will be a full and truthful accounting, including all available supporting documentation. The defendant also authorizes the U.S. Attorney's Office to run the defendant's credit report. The defendant also agrees that the probation office may disclose to the United States the net worth and cash flow statements to be completed by the defendant in connection with the preparation of the presentence report, together with all supporting documents. Finally, the defendant understands, as set forth in Paragraph 5 above, that the United States' agreement to recommend a reduction for acceptance of responsibility will be based, in part, on the defendant's full and truthful accounting, and efforts to make the agreed-upon immediate restitution payments.

9. In the event of an appeal by either party, the United States reserves the right to make arguments in support of or in opposition to the sentence imposed by the Court.

10. The defendant understands that sentencing discussions are not part of the plea agreement. The defendant should not rely upon the possibility of a particular sentence based upon any sentencing discussions between defense counsel and the United States.

11. If your understanding of our agreement conforms with mine as set out above, would you and the defendant please sign this letter and return it to me. By his signature below, the defendant acknowledges his understanding that the United States has made no promises or guarantees regarding the sentence which will be imposed. The defendant also acknowledges his understanding that the Court is not required to accept any recommendations which may be made by the United States and that the Court can impose any sentence up to and including the maximum penalties set out above.

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12. By your signatures below, you and the defendant also acknowledge that the plea agreement dated December 2, 2020 is rescinded.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY O'SHEA
Acting United States Attorney

By:



CHADWICK M. ELGERSMA
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05/10/2021

Date



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WILLIE TREMAINE JOHNSON
Defendant

5/10/21

Date

5/8/2021

Date

Enclosure

eSignature Details

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